

Entertainment.

MR. ALEC MARSH

(Late PRINCIPAL BARITONE OF THE ROYAL CARL ROSA OPERA CO., THE ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, Covent Garden, ROYAL CHORAL SOCIETY, and the Principal London and Provincial Concerts)

CONCERT.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency Sir HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G., and Lady BLAKE.

TUESDAY, the 3rd April, 1900, at 8 P.M., in the ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

Mr. MARSH will have the kind Assistance of Mr. A. G. WARD, and several well-known Local Amateurs.

PRICES: \$1 & \$1

Box Plan and Tickets at the "ROBINSON PIANO CO."

Further Particulars Later.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [396b]

Notice of Firms.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

DURING THE TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF Sir THOMAS JACKSON from Hongkong, Mr. H. M. BEVIS has been appointed ACTING CHIEF MANAGER.

N. A. SIEBS,

Chairman,

Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [402b]

P. & O. S. N. CO.

NOTICE.

DURING my ABSENCE from the Colony Mr. A. M. MARSHALL will be in charge of the Company's Affairs at this Agency.

H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent,

Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [395b]

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted my brother Mr. MURRAY STEWART, to a PARTNERSHIP in my Business.

GERSHON STEWART,

Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [393b]

NOTICE.

THE Business hitherto conducted under the Name of ANTON & STEWART will in future be carried on under the Name of STEWART BROS.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [394b]

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March, 1900, the following RESOLUTION were passed:

1.—That in pursuance of the Provisions of the Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th and confirmed on the 27th March instant, and since duly registered, the Sum of \$125,000 be withdrawn from the Reserved Fund and be carried as of the 2nd July next, to the Credit of Capital Account, each Share being credited with a Sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in addition to the Sum of \$50 now standing to the credit of each Share.

2.—That the Balance of \$25 per Share of the Unpaid Capital of the Company be called up and that a CALL be and is hereby made of \$25 per Share upon all Shares of the Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay the same to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, on or before the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay according.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the Rate of 12 per cent. per Annum, upon all Calls remaining Unpaid after the 9th day of July, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

SAILORS AND SOLDIERS FAMILIES' FUND.

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR HENRY A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G., will be glad to MEET the Subscribers to the above Fund at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, on SATURDAY, the 31st instant, at NOON, when Final Statement will be produced, and the Committee formally dissolved.

By Order,
T. JACKSON,
Hon. Treasurer.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1900.

ANNOUNCE.

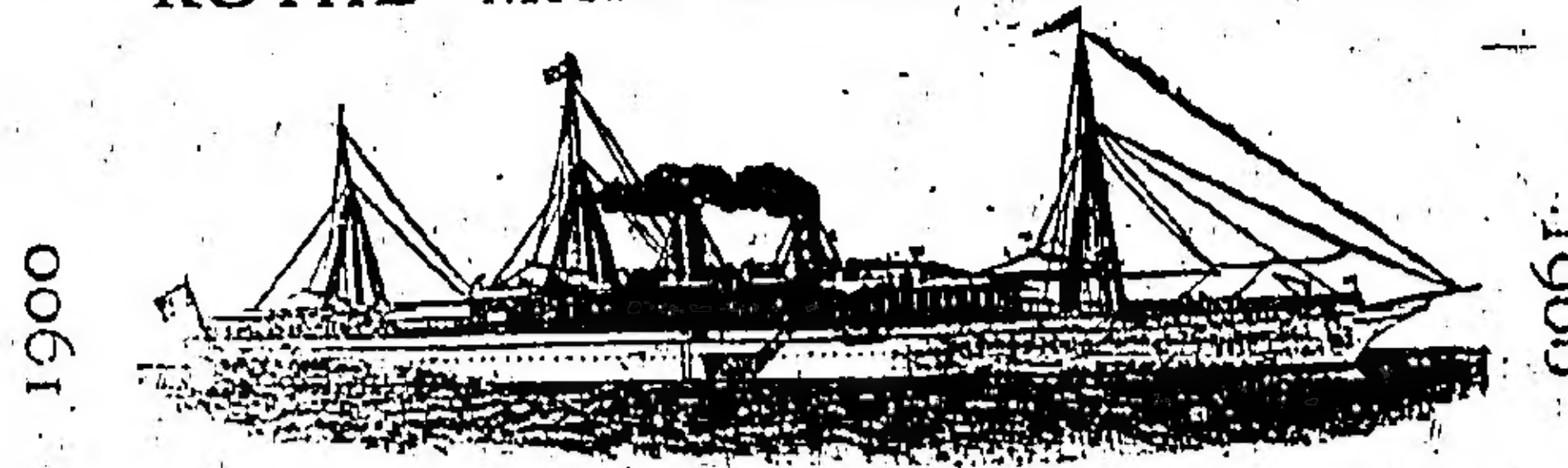
LA commission soussignée, chargée par le gouvernement de Macao de procéder à l'acquisition d'une digue, un remorqueur et deux chalands pour le port de Macao, rend public que, pour la fourniture de ce matériel, il est ouvert concours pendant 120 jours à partir de la date de cette annonce, et que les conditions pour le concours peuvent être examinées dans la Direction des travaux publics à Macao, et dans les consulats du Portugal à Hongkong, Shanghai et Saigon.

Les propositions avec les dessins respectifs et les spécifications d'accord avec les conditions doivent être adressées au "Président de la commission des travaux du port de Macao," par le quel elles seront seulement reçues jusqu'au 22 Juillet de cette année. *Augusto Cesar d'Almeida Nunes*, directeur des travaux publics.—*Antonio Talone da Costa e Silva*, capitaine du port.—*João Augusto de Fontes Pereira de Mello*, capitaine de corvette.—*Artur T. Magalhães Barbosa*, inspecteur des finances.—*João Maria Lopez*, mécanicien de marine.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [397b]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 15 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 4th April.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 25th April.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 16th May.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, *Palmer's Street.*

Hongkong, 14th March, 1900.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Olympia 2,837 J. Truebridge Mar. 31
Sikh 2,747 J. Rowley Apr. 14
Glenelg 3,750 W. Frakes Apr. 24
Queen Adelaide 2,832 F. McNair May 5

Also FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Monmouthshire 2,874 W.A. Evans May 19
Bismarck 3,601 W. Watt June 9
Monmouthshire 2,874 W.A. Evans Aug. 4
Bismarck 3,601 W. Watt Aug. 25

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line, HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables, DOCTOR AND STEWARDNESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY AND CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE-NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1900. [4]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

Ensignia 3,177 on April 12
Castile City 3,002 about April 30
Strathgyle 5,023 about May 10
Belgian King 3,379 about June 5
Thyris 3,406 about July 8

THE Steamship "ENERGIA,"

will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBE, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 12th April.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, China and Japan. Hongkong, 28th March, 1900. [28]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HIROSHIMA MARU.....	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.	FRIDAY, 30th March, at Noon.
FUTAMI MARU.....	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	FRIDAY, 30th March, at 4 P.M.
KAWACHI MARU.....	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 13th April, at Daylight.
*KINSHU MARU.....	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 19th April, at 4 P.M.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,

Manager.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1900.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

(Freight Service.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
ASTORIA.....	NEW YORK, (via SUEZ CANAL).	29th March.
SAXONIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 3rd April.
*HEIDELBERG.....	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG.)	About 10th April.
Zacharise.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 10th April.
*SIBIRIA.....	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG.)	About 20th April.
Braun.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 20th April.
SERBIA.....	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG.)	About 30th April.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1900. [5]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 14th April, at Noon.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 8th May, at Noon.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Thursday, 31st May, at Noon.

THE Steamship "AMERICA MARU,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 14th April, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1900. [7]

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 21st April, at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 14th May, at Noon.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 9th June, at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF PEKING,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 21st April, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States of Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [1]

Consignees.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "WEIMAR,"

of the NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M., TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 29th instant, and MONDAY, the 2nd April, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 5th April, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1900. [22]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "OLYMPIA,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJL.

The above Steamer, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1900. [4]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"TIENTSIN,"

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—From Persian Gulf, ex S.S. B.I.S.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamers.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

[From Our Exchanges.]

The Mansion House Famine Fund.

LONDON, March 28.
The following contributions are announced to the Mansion House Famine Fund:—The Mercers' Company, The Grocers' Company, Messrs. Barclay & Co., and Messrs. Morgan & Co., £500 each; Messrs. Henry & King & Co., £500 each; Messrs. Smith & Sons, £500 each; Messrs. Smith, Payne, Messrs. Coleman & Co. of Norwich, £500 each; Mr. William Whitaker, Lord Mountstephen, Messrs. W. Wharton, J. Wharton, Lewis and Marks, the Anglo-French Exploration Co., the National and Provincial Bank, and the London Joint-Stock Bank, £250 each; Newcastle-on-Tyne, £500; Lord George Hamilton, £100; the Duke of Cambridge, £25; Lord Grimthorpe, £100; Sir George Allen, £200; Sir Ernest Cassel, £1,000.

Europe's Attitude.

An authentic rumour is abroad that General Kuropatkin's scheme for the seizure of Herat, was checked, when he reported everything ready, by the Czar rebuking him and declining to profit by another country's embarrassment. This, coupled with the Austrian Emperor's remark that the rag-tag of Europe sided with the Boers, has helped to reverse Continental opinion. The French Press is still regarding Germany to intervene; while the German Press is occupied with re-considering our tactics.

Russia and Afghanistan.

March 28th.
It is declared at St. Petersburg that Russia contemplates no aggressive action, and does not dream of profiting by the South African entanglement, the reinforcements sent to Kushk and Askaniya being merely precautions in view of a possible disturbance if the Ameer dies.

The Indian Famine.

March 26th.
The Earl of Onslow, speaking in the House of Lords, said the Government highly appreciated the Famine Commission's recommendations. The present famine was unparalleled in that it had followed the previous famines so closely. The authorities were obliged to utilise the material immediately available. Railways were a mixed blessing, for they assimilated prices throughout India.

Russian Railways.

The Russian Railways Department is projecting a line either via Grembuzhsk or more probably via Saratoff-Charyov, with a temporary terminus on the left bank of the Amu Daria. The *Kainische Zeitung* announces the Persian Railways Company as being established in St. Petersburg; Russia leasing one of the Persian ports on similar terms to those of the Port Arthur base.

Plague at Cape Town.

March 27th.
A Times telegram from Cape Town says that a case of plague has been discovered on board a transport from Rosario.

Plague at Calcutta.

CALCUTTA, March 27th.
There were 3,363 deaths from plague all over India during the week ending 23rd March, against 3,184 in the week preceding. The Calcutta death-rate has jumped up from 261 to 411 in the same period, although there was a diminution in the plague mortality in Bengal.

The Indian Famine.

Telegrams have been received by the Viceroy from several colonies on the subject of the Famine Fund. The Mayors of Melbourne and Brisbane have opened subscription lists. Mauritius says the committee will gladly help. The Governor of Ceylon promises assistance, while the Governor of Queensland announces that a proposal is on foot that the Australian Colonies should contribute from their treasuries.

LONDON, March 28th.

The Famine Fund has reached twenty-four lakhs. There has been a steady rise in the numbers on relief works, Bombay and Ajmer reporting an increase of 65,000 persons, Amere and Merwara 40,000, and the Punjab and Rajputana States 25,000. The total number now in receipt of assistance is well over four and a half millions.

The Ameer.

March 28th.
Reuter has received the following account of an interview that took place between the Ameer Abdul Rahman and Mr. Frank Martin, at Kabul, at the end of January last. His Highness, in the course of conversation, strongly affirmed his loyalty to Great Britain, and said a Russian war with Afghanistan would mean a general rising of Islam, spreading through Central Asia. "Muslims," he said, "hate Russia, who could not successfully fight Afghanistan and India. Afghans would prefer death to the Russian yoke, and were always ready to fight for England in Afghanistan or India."

Adverting to the letter received from the Indian Government, deprecating His Highness buying large quantities of war material, he resented the suspicion thereby implied.

A FRANCO-ENGLISH DIFFICULTY.

Unfortunately among the questions which remain for solution between France and England must be numbered that of the New Hebrides, as we are reminded by an article from the pen of M. Carol. The archipelago of the New Hebrides is situated at the eastern extremity of the Melanesian group, and in the immediate neighbourhood of the French colony of New Caledonia. M. Carol asserts that this archipelago belongs geographically, economically, and morally to France, and from a purely political point of view it belongs to nobody. Moreover, it would seem that the great colonies of Australia are determined that if they can help it it shall not belong to France. It is true that M. Carol adduces the opinion of Mr. W. B. Dalley, former Premier of New South Wales, who declared openly in favour of French occupation of the New Hebrides without any restriction or conditions. But against this must be set the fact that so recently as January 25th the Conference of Australian Premiers at Sydney asserted its strong opposition to a French annexation of the archipelago. The question is in a way rendered more difficult by the presence of missionaries of both countries in the islands. M. Carol considers that at so great a distance from France the protectionist regime loses all its virtue, and that New Caledonia can only achieve industrial development by free industrial intercourse with the neighbouring continent of Australia.

A schoolmaster, describing a money-lender, says, "He serves you in the present tense, he lends you in the conditional mood, keeps you in the subjunctive, and ruins you in the future."

ENGLAND'S DEAD.

The following fine poem by Mrs. Hemans which is not very well known, in conjunction with the extract from the *Times* which precedes it, cannot fail to interest a large number of our readers:—

"With the co-operation of the Swedish Mission at Dundee, Major Daly neatly enclosed a piece of ground near the Swedish Church, where rest fifteen British soldiers, and some Boers, who succumbed to injuries received in the Battle of Dundee. Wooden crosses and stone pillars mark the graves.
"The grave of General Symons in the English Church grounds is marked by a wooden cross."—*The Times*, 5th January, 1900.

ENGLAND'S DEAD.

Son of the Ocean Isle!
Where sleep your mighty Dead?
Show me what high and stately pile
Is reared for Glory's bed.

Go, stranger! track the deep—
Free, free the white sail spread!
Wave may not foam, nor wild wind sweep,
Where rest not England's Dead.

On Egypt's burning plains,
By the pyramid o'er swayed,
With fearful power the noonday reigns,
And the palm tree yields no shade.
But let the angry sun
From heaven look fiercely red,
Unfelt by those whose task is done!
There slumber England's Dead.

The hurricane hath might
Along the Indian shore,
And far by Ganges' banks at night
Is heard the tiger's roar:—
But let the sound roll on!
I have no tone of dread
For those that from their tails have gone—
There slumber England's Dead.

Loud rush the torrent floods
The Western wilds among,
And free, in green Columbia's woods,
The hunter's bow is strong—
But let the floods rush on!
Let the arrow's flight be sped!
Why should they track whose task is done?
There slumber England's Dead.

On the frozen deeps repose,
'Tis a dark and dreadful hour,
When round the ship the icefields close,
And the northern night-clouds lower:—
But let the ice drift on!
Let the cold-blue desert spread!
Their course with mast and flag is done—
Even there sleep England's Dead.

The warlike of the isles,
The men of field and wave!
Are not the rocks their funeral piles?
The seas and shores their grave?
Go, stranger! track the deep—
Free, free the white sail spread!
Wave may not foam, nor wild wind sweep,
Where rest not England's Dead.

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Albert, Hope S. S. Co.	Malay, L. M.
Amblek	Martin, A. H.
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Carly, M. J.	Nagavara, J.
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Ching Bit Sang	Nagavara, J.
Cayll, W.	Nagavara, J.
Cummings, Miss	Nagavara, J.
Cambell, Mrs. O.	Nagavara, J.
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David, M. W.	Nagavara, J.
Dike, R.	Nagavara, J.
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Dobberke, H. H.	Nagavara, J.
Drydale, Miss	Nagavara, J.
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Davison, T. G.	Nagavara, J.
Donoghue, Miss O.	Nagavara, J.
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Daigue, N. J.	Nagavara, J.
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Donsberg, Miss R.	Nagavara, J.
Durant, A.	Nagavara, J.
Downie, Mrs. D.	Nagavara, J.
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